system and timely completion of consolidation at district and thereafter a state level. Under the Establishment of an Agency for Reporting of Agricultural Statistics (EARAS) the scheme provides for setting up of a whole time agency to cover a sample of 20% of villages every year to generate basic land use statistics. The focus of EARAS is primary data collection and its supervision.

(b) The criteria for allocating the funds under these schemes to States and the corresponding central share is based on their potential, past performance with regard to the production achievements and the expenditure incurred under different schemes. The funds are given as a grants-in-aid to the States on the sharing pattern of 75:25 under the scheme of NPDP, OPDP & AMDP and there is no loan component under these schemes. However in case of TRS and EARAS, 100% grant is given to the States on 50:50 sharing basis between the Central Govt. and the State Govt. without any loan component.

(c) The details of the fund allocation and release state-wise during the last 3 years are given in Annexure for NPDP, OPDP, AMDP, TRS & EARAS. [*See* Appendix 194, Annexure No. 25]

Development of water creatures in soft water

†2766. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that administrative approval has been granted to Madhya Pradesh for implementation of continuous sanctioned schemes—development of water creatures in soft water—for the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Central share of Rs.151.826 lakh as demanded by the State, would be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The administrative approval of Government of

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

India for continuance of the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Development of Freshwater Aquaculture" for the year 2001-2002 has been issued to the Government of Madhya Pradesh on 15.6.2001. Under the scheme, the expenditure on developmental activities such as construction of new ponds, renovation of ponds and tanks, first year inputs (fish seed, fish feed, fertilisers, manures, etc.), running water fish culture, integrated fish farming, fish seed hatcheries, fish feed mills, establishment of laboratories, training of fish farmers, etc. is shared on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the concerned State Government.

(c) Central share has not been released during the year 2001-02 as the Government of Madhya Pradesh has an unspent balance of Rs.145.91 lakh from the releases made under the scheme in previous years.

Import of agricultural product

2767. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the agriculture products whose imports have gone up during the last three years;

(b) the extent of comparative increase and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what impact such increased imports have on the demestic agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There has been no significant change in the import pattern of agricultural products during the last three years. The major agricultural commodities which have shown somewhat on upward trend in imports recently, are pulses, edible oils and cotton (raw &